

CONFERENCES HELD ON RAILROAD STRIKE; PENNSYLVANIA R. R. REACHES AGREEMENT

Chicago, July 19 (By the Associated Press).—The railway strike peace parleys assumed a new and more important proportions today with a possibility of a walkout of the maintenance men virtually removed by action of the Labor Board in indicating that it would grant new hearings on the wage question. Only isolated instances of disorder marked the past 24 hours of the strike.

Chicago, July 19.—The support of "all workers everywhere" was sought in the railway shompen's strike today through an official appeal to the American workmen by the American Federation of Labor. The nation's working men were besought not to do any work formerly done by rail men now on strike. The appeal was forwarded by the Federation to every labor organization, labor publication and all organizers of Federation. B. M. Jewell, the strike leader, expressed his great satisfaction at the backing given by the Federation.

Chicago, July 18 (By the Associated Press).—With E. F. Grable, president of the maintenance of way union asserting that he did not expect his men to leave their work, conferences looking toward a peaceful settlement of the shompen's strike continued today.

Announcement by the Pennsylvania railroad that a mutually satisfactory wage agreement had been reached with its shompen was considered by some of the railroad and union leaders to have had a clarifying effect upon the entire situation, inasmuch as the Pennsylvania has insisted on dealing direct with its own men.

Mr. Grable issued a statement tonight asserting that "the path to an early adjustment is open," so far as the 400,000 maintenance men are concerned. Referring to his conference with President Harding last week, Mr. Grable said he had received assurances that Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce commission expected to hold early hearings on disputed points of the labor provisions of the transportation act, particularly with reference to the living wage principle.

"The basis for the guidance of the board in the present act is set to a 'just and reasonable wage,'" Mr. Grable's statement said. "The present issue, which should be settled by such a hearing by the interstate commerce commission of the senate and amendments to the law, is an interpretation of this phrase, 'just and reasonable,' and its application to a living wage."

Mr. Grable said he advised the board of orders sent to his general chairmen to open negotiations with their respective roads immediately regarding disputed rules, working conditions and wage, and submit the case to the board if an agreement was not reached.

The first of these disputes came before the board today, the dispute being that of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. The carrier set aside the 30 day clause in existing agreements for the filing of a dispute and Mr. Grable secured the board's promise for early hearings on this and similar cases, many of which will be consolidated.

He requested that future decisions on wage disputes, favorable to the men, be made retroactive to July, when the wage cut became effective. Mr. Grable said a peaceful settlement of the shompen's strike was being held up by a few roads who were unwilling to allow returning employees their seniority rights. The railroads in ultimatums to the strikers said unless they returned to work by certain dates, all of which have now expired, they would start again as new employees.

They are supported in their stands by proclamations issued by the labor board.

On the other hand, President B. M. Jewell and his striking shompen have asserted that any settlement must be predicated by a full restoration of seniority rights to the returning strikers.

Georgia National Guard companies were sent to Waycross to day because of strike disorders and North Carolina troops were held in readiness for an emergency. Fresh troops were mobilized in Illinois to replace those on duty at Bloomington and Clinton.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and the Chicago & North-western today were granted permanent injunctions here prohibiting picketing and intimidation by the unions now on strike. Temporary injunctions were issued to the Pere Marquette at Detroit, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Louisville & Nashville at East St. Louis and the Wabash road at St. Louis.

Mrs. J. Frost Walker and Miss Cornelia Greer Walker are spending some time with relatives in Columbia.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF SHERIFF

Wellsburg, W. Va., July 18 (By the Associated Press).—The inquest into the death of Sheriff H. H. Duval and three other men, who were killed in the attack on the Clifton mine near Cliftonville yesterday was adjourned late today until Friday, when it became evident there was some confusion in the mind of a foreign witness who was testifying through an interpreter.

The witness, Paul Hussor, a Hungarian non-union miner, while reciting his story of the fight, said he saw two men standing near the tent colony and firing at the deputy sheriffs. He later withdrew this statement and it was explained that the interpreter was unable to determine just what the witness meant.

Deputy sheriffs who took part in the fight were the other witnesses. George Caldwell, a prominent Wellsburg business man, testified that the "invaders" rushed down the hill firing and yelling as they ran, and drove the deputies to cover behind a freight car. Here they were subjected, he said, to a heavy fire from the tent colony. He detailed the fight around the tippie, saying that the mob charged the deputies three times before they were finally driven off.

Hugh J. Radcliff, another deputy, startled the jury by declaring that he had seen six dead men during the fight. The official account of the deed so far as Sheriff Duval and three of the attacking party. Another witness, J. C. Edwards, mine superintendent, said that the wounded had been taken from the mine and given first aid at a nearby farm. The owner of the farm, who was said to have been a former union miner, was arrested and taken to Wheeling.

W. S. Wilkens, prosecuting attorney of Brooke county, said tonight that as soon as the inquest is completed the evidence would be laid before a special grand jury and if indictments were found the accused would be brought to trial within a month.

Twelve more prisoners were brought in late today by the state police. Some of them had been arrested in the vicinity of Avaella, Pa., where the Pennsylvania state police were reported as active. One prisoner had a bullet wound in the shoulder and said he had been wandering in the woods without medical attention since the fight.

Ministerial Crisis Seems Inevitable

Rome, July 19 (By the Associated Press).—Ministerial Crisis is considered in parliamentary circles as inevitable. It is learned that former Premier Giolitti, who has been spending a short vacation in France and Belgium is returning to Rome owing to the acute parliamentary situation.

Hitchcock Wins Democratic Nomination

Omaha, July 19.—An apparent victory of R. B. Howell for nomination as Republican United States senator indicates a sweep yesterday of the Republican primaries by Progressives. Senator Hitchcock won the Democratic nomination.

Mass Meeting for Women

Don't forget the meeting for the women at the court house this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. All the clerks and others who do not get away from their places of business before six are urged to come right on up to the meeting and get enrolled anyway.

NEW CANDIDATE

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

J. J. McSwain.

FIREMEN FIGHT STUBBON BLAZE

New York, July 18 (By the Associated Press).—A stubborn, puzzling warehouse fire in the Greenwich Village section of the city broke out about 8 o'clock this morning, burned through the day and was still blazing tonight after nearly 4,000,000 gallons of water had been played on the flames by 40 lines of hose.

"The toughest fire I've ever encountered," was the way "Smoky" Martin, acting fire chief, put it to Mayor Hylan when he returned to direct his men after having been blown out of a doorway by one of a series of explosions which rocked the lower West Side.

With the flames checked, but not conquered, investigation showed that two firemen had been killed, three more were missing, about 15 persons had been taken to hospitals seriously injured and more than 175 had received first aid treatment at three emergency stations opened by the Red Cross.

In addition, about 500 families were driven from their homes in the Bohemian quarter and tonight were barred from returning by the police lest the warehouse walls should collapse.

The outstanding feature of the fire was the pungent, black smoke that rolled out of the building, soon after the first of the blasts.

Fire Commissioner Drennan, who declared that no permit had been issued to store explosives or chemicals in the warehouse, worked feverishly to ascertain what indeed was housed within the four blazing walls. Finally policemen were sent through the milling thousands who had gathered to watch the blaze, paging officials of the Manufacturers' Transit company, operating the six story warehouse.

Later District Attorney Banton, following a conference with fire department officials, said an explosion of a case of magnesium powder caused the fire. He said that 38 cases of magnesium had been taken into the building since March 5 and that some of them were being taken out by way of the elevator when one was dropped and exploded.

The heat, he declared, ignited the other cases, and then followed a great explosion as flames began to seep through into the powder. Although the property damage could not be accurately estimated without a check of the content, said to include newspaper, rubber, rice and epsom salts, it was evident that it would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The names of firemen and policemen appeared most frequently on the list of injured. About a score were struck by the building material blasted from the warehouse by the explosion, or by falling bricks or timbers, but most of those treated at the emergency station had been overcome by the thick smoke. Many returned to their duties after having been nearly suffocated, only to report again for further treatment.

The whole quarter was thrown into a panic with the first blast, which broke windows in St. Vincent's hospital at Seventh avenue and Thirteenth street.

After the first terror of the explosion had subsided, the "villagers" began cooperating with the authorities in relief work, the artists throwing open their studios to exhausted firemen.

It is a saying of New York's Latin quarter that every one runs a tea-room to feed some other villager and today the tea rooms did valiant work. Painters and poets, with their smocks and eternal cigarettes, pressed close to the firemen. The lemonade they offered on the sweltering day was eagerly drained by the weary firemen, who thankfully accepted cigarettes from the men and women of the quarter. Many canteens also soon were established.

Death for Engineer

Wilmington, N. C., July 19.—H. C. Southwell, an Atlantic Coast Line engineer, who was shot last night by H. E. Adams, assistant yard master of the Coast Line here, died in a local hospital this morning. Dallas is being held on a murder charge. Leroy Fontville, yardmaster, is held as accessory. The shooting grew out of a conversation regarding the strike.

Left Lying in Road

Augusta, Ga., July 18.—C. H. Churchill, a strikebreaker employed by one of the railroads here, was today taken from a street car by four unknown white men and carried to Hamburg, S. C., where he was thrown from an automobile, badly beaten about the head by the men and left lying in the road. His assailants are unknown.

THREE HELD FOR ATTACK ON WOMAN

L. L. Williams, T. F. McGurt and Miss "Bobbie" Neese were arrested early yesterday morning pending an investigation of the attack Monday afternoon on Mrs. Alberta Norman of 2121 College street. Chief Strickland and Detectives Kelly and J. P. Broom spent a busy day yesterday working on the case and some developments are expected. The three under arrest stoutly deny any knowledge of the crime.

Mrs. Norman was suffering yesterday from the effects of brutal treatment at the hands of two unknown men. She was attacked in her home late Monday afternoon and yesterday her body was covered with black and blue spots.

Chief Strickland has several letters in his office that Mrs. Norman turned over to the police after the attack had been reported Monday afternoon. Each letter is written in lead pencil and contains the vilest sort of language and threats. The words kill and beat to death are on almost every line and Mrs. Norman is ordered to "keep her mouth shut" in several parts of the letters. Each letter is headed "Woman" and all are unsigned. Officers said yesterday that the contents of some of the communications led to the arrest of Williams, McGurt and Miss Neese and they are being held until a thorough investigation has been made. Officers say they believe those under arrest can give some valuable information if they will talk.

Mrs. Norman was the victim of a brutal attack at her home while her husband and three children were away. The home is located at 2121 College street and another dwelling is located within 12 feet. Yesterday it was said a male occupant of the adjoining house was in hearing distance of the blows, but the assailants used precaution to muffle the sounds and thereby made a getaway unnoticed by neighbors.

Two white men entered the Norman home and a rap on the door brought Mrs. Norman to the rear of her house where she was grabbed, gagged and beaten. Mrs. Norman said officers that her head and mouth were covered with cloth and that one man beat her with a stick and switch while the other stood guard at the door. "The woman said her assailant landed hard blows on her limbs. She said her clothing was lifted and the stick was applied to all parts of her body. Mrs. Norman said the assailant applied hot pepper to her bruised body and that she fell in a faint. The beating took place in the bath room.

City detectives made a quick response to the alarm that was given some time after the assailants had left the Norman home. The officers located a small stick on a bed and a switch was picked up on the floor. The size of the bruised spots on Mrs. Norman pointed to the free use of the stick. Officers made a careful examination of the premises and concluded that the two men approached the house from a vacant lot unobserved by occupants of the dwelling at 2123 College street and that they left in the same direction.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Strickland and Detectives Kelly and Broom took McGurt and Williams to the Norman home, where they were put through a drill. The two men were brought back to the city prison to be held until the investigation is completed. McGurt and Williams' names do not appear in the last city directory, but they are said to be electricians.

Vengeance seemed to be the motive behind the brutal attack on Mrs. Norman, according to officers. The beating followed a series of letters that appeared to mark the woman as the victim of an assault. The writer of the letters expressed no fear of the police or law, and the daytime attack is without a parallel in the history of the police department.

The attack has stirred the Columbia police force and every effort will be made to bring the guilty parties to justice.—The State.

Mr. W. B. West Goes to Coker

Mr. W. B. West, of Columbia, secretary of the Cotton Seed Crushers association, has been elected business manager of Coker college. He has accepted the position, and will bring to the service of the college not only a first class business ability, and wide acquaintance in the state, but also a fine Christian character and a true denominational loyalty.

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WOULD PROTECT WORKING MINERS

West Frankfort, Ill., July 19.—Coal operators in this county, the largest producing in the state, today stated that there is "absolutely no possibility of resuming production under President Harding's plan."

Washington, July 18 (By the Associated Press).—In the name of the common welfare and paramount need of the American people for the production and transportation of a fuel supply, President Harding tonight through telegrams called upon the governors of 28 coal states to furnish protection and safeguard to men and employers willing to resume work in the industry notwithstanding the mine workers' strike. To the efforts of the states in this direction, he said, "the federal government pledges to give every assistance at its command."

Behind the telegrams there loomed the definite indication of a government decision to obtain the resumption of transportation and mining, both hampered today by labor walkouts, which high government officials consider interconnected and associated.

Replying to a question late today, Attorney General Daugherty said: "Naturally there is a relationship between the railroad and coal situation whether inspired or conspired I am not saying."

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the president's message to the governors "merely a gesture which will not produce coal," and asserted that the mine workers' strike would be continued. Earlier in the day before the telegrams had been dispatched, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, predicted in a statement that President Harding's invitation to the operators to resume operations would result in no appreciable increase in production. He added that "when half a million men are aggrieved is a poor time indeed for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabers and the pounding of the mailed fist."

President Harding, in his telegrams and conferences with union officers and mine owners and the offer of existing wage scales to the striking miners, all of which had ended, he said, in failure to reach a voluntary adjustment, and left no recourse but to invite the mine operators to return to their mines and resume operations. For this last endeavor, he asked the assistance of the states.

Two Youths Killed by Train

Montgomery, Ala., July 19.—Two youths, identified as John West and A. C. Haigler, aged about 17, were killed last night on the Western of Alabama railroad, near here, apparently by a train.

Athens Man Not Guilty

Athens, Ala., July 19.—A verdict of not guilty was rendered today in the case of Oakley Kenner, charged with an attack on a Florence, Ala., girl during a religious convention here several weeks ago.

Today's Cotton Market table with columns for July, October, December, January, March, and Local market, and rows for Open and Close prices.

Clemson Meeting

A meeting of the Clemson club of Union county will be held in the Young Men's Business League rooms Thursday evening, July 20th, at 8:30 o'clock. All Clemson men of the county are cordially invited to attend. Plenty of Union county watermelons are on ice and a good time is expected.

Consolidated Home Demonstration Club

The Consolidated Home Demonstration club will meet at the old Chamber of Commerce rooms next Saturday, July 22, at 3 p. m. Every member is urged to be present. Mrs. J. E. Minter will give an account of the state short course and Miss Smith will talk about the importance of well-balanced meals.

Tailings recovered from lead and zinc mines are being used in Wisconsin for fertilizer. Four to five tons to the acre benefit clover and alfalfa crops.

NATIONAL GUARDS SENT TO WAYCROSS TO PREVENT STRIKE DISORDERS

C. & O. CLERKS QUIT TOMORROW

Cincinnati, July 19.—A strike of clerks and station employees on the Chesapeake & Ohio has been sanctioned, E. H. Fitzgerald, grand president of the clerks' brotherhood, announced today.

Richmond, Va., July 18.—An order was issued tonight by General Chairman H. J. Osborn of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, calling the members of the Chesapeake & Ohio system out on a strike. The order is effective Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Eastern time, and 9 o'clock Central time.

The strike order will affect approximately 3,000 clerks on the entire system of the Chesapeake & Ohio. Of that number about 900 are in Richmond. It is said by union officials that 96 per cent of the employees affected will obey the mandate.

The decision to order a walkout was reached tonight after a conference between officials of the company and representatives of the clerks. The order as sent out from the office of Mr. Osborn charged that the rail officials not only refused to concede a single point to the clerks, but that they completely rebuffed them.

For that reason, Mr. Osborn said, there was nothing for him to do but carry out the overwhelming vote of the clerks. The order, he said, had the sanction of the grand president of the brotherhood, E. H. Fitzgerald.

Following the failure at settlement, President W. J. Harahan of the railway company issued a statement addressed to the clerks and affiliated employees of the road. In the statement he reviewed the causes leading up to the strike, declared the wage reduction was ordered by the federal railroad labor board and warned the clerks that if the strike becomes effective the company will under the law carry out its duty to the public and continue the operation of its property by employing the necessary complement of clerks. In the same statement the company assures every clerk who remains in the service that he or she will be protected in the performance of their duties and that they will be retained in their positions when the strike ends.

Two Cent Drop In Gasoline

Chicago, July 19.—A two cent reduction in the price of gasoline, one cent in the price of refined oil was announced by the Standard Oil company in Indiana effective today in 11 Central Western states. A similar cut of gasoline was announced by the Kansas City Refining company, effective in five states.

Dates Given for Postal Conference

Washington, July 19.—Dates for postal conference conventions to be held in every state during the year was announced today. It included Richmond, December 5; Raleigh, January 16; Charleston, January 19; Atlanta, January 23.

Secretary Denby Has Narrow Escape From Death

Peking, July 19 (By the Associated American navy Nmslfemfypemf Press).—Secretary Denby of the American navy narrowly escaped death this afternoon in an airplane accident. He was flying at a height of 4,000 feet over a great wall when the engine of the plane broke down and the machine was demolished in landing, but Mr. Denby was uninjured.

Personal Mention

Hon. John J. McSwain, congressman from the fourth district of South Carolina, is in Union today on business. Mrs. J. B. Porter continues quite ill at her home on S. Pinkney street. Mrs. H. C. Wilburn, of Cross Keys, is shopping in Union today. Clement McEachern and Miss May McEachern, who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Sara Clement, have returned to their home in Burlington. Mrs. J. D. Arthur and Mrs. Lucy Barron are at home for a few days on their vacation from Winthrop college. Mr. Sam Lawson of West End, Union, has been sick for several days, but is now slowly improving.

Waycross, Ga., July 19.—The city is quit today following the arrival of three companies of state troops late yesterday. It was announced the soldiers would be classed as a reinforcement to the police.

Waycross, Ga., July 18.—Three companies of Georgia National Guardsmen, comprising about 175 men with a machine gun unit, arrived here late today for patrol duty to prevent further disorders in connection with the strike of some 1,800 union workers at the Atlantic Coast Line shops here.

Workers hired since the strike had been seized on the streets and beaten up for the last two days and nights, and the country people around the town were "threatening to come in and take revenge," Mayor Dan T. Cowart said tonight, because many of the new shop employees are the sons of farmers from this and adjoining counties.

In addition to serious injuries to half a dozen men and beatings administered to 50 or 100, it became known late today that J. T. Ross, an inspector for the Coast Line, had been kidnapped about midnight last night by a party of men in an automobile. Mayor Cowart said tonight efforts to find him had been futile. Threats also had been made against higher railroad officials, the mayor added.

Striking shompen held a mass meeting today and after addresses by their leaders and Mayor Cowart, adopted resolutions pledging themselves to maintain order and declaring there was no need for the troops for which the mayor and Sheriff H. J. Sweet asked of Governor Hardwick last night.

The appearance of Waycross as the special train rolled into the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railway station several blocks from the center of town was "like Sunday," the mayor said tonight, and the beatings and promiscuous shootings had ceased for the time being anyway, he added.

Mayor Cowart announced after a conference between himself, Sheriff Sweet and Lieut. Col. L. C. Pope of Dublin, Ga., in command of the troops, that it was decided to use the guardsmen as aides to the civil authorities and that he expected they would patrol the streets between the shops and the railroad station, where most of the trouble had been reported. The troops, consisting of Companies K of Dublin, M of Elberton, and headquarters company of the Third Georgia battalion, One Hundred and Twenty-second infantry, came from St. Simon's island, on the Georgia coast, where they had been at their annual encampment. They made camp here at Mary street park, a few blocks from the railroad shops.

Threats against numbers of railroad officials, including O. T. Waring of the Atlantic Coast Line, had been made before the call for guardsmen, the mayor said. He explained that disorders were worse Monday as many of the new shop workers, of which he estimated there are 100 to 150, went by trucks to their homes Saturday and in returning early Monday morning were attacked by groups of men.

Loops would be thrown across the roads on the outskirts of town, Mayor Cowart said, and the trucks halted. Groups of men would rush forth, seize the workers and beat them to and order them to leave town.

"Word came yesterday that the country was up in arms," the mayor added, "and that the fathers and relatives were threatening to come in and take revenge for the way Waycross had treated their boys."

Delegates to the state convention of the American Legion, which closed late today, had offered their aid to maintain order if necessary, the mayor said.

Atlanta, Ga., July 18.—"You may count on full, prompt and whole-hearted cooperation from me," Governor Hardwick announced tonight he had replied to President Harding's request for protection of coal miners and operators desiring to resume work despite the national coal strike.

There is very little coal mined in Georgia and the governor informed the president that "while we have no mine trouble in this state and consequently no direct trouble on that question, we are having considerable trouble from the railroad question." He then advised President Harding of his sending of guardsmen today to Waycross in connection with disorders following the shompen's strike and added, "I have issued the strongest proclamation I could write, calling on all law-abiding citizens to obey the laws and preserve peace and order."

Judge Harvey Dead

Atlanta, Ga., July 19.—Judge Benjamin Harvey Hill, of the state court of appeals, died at his home here today.